

Ritchie Orders Vigorous Prosecution of Mob That Lynched Salisbury Killer

"Use Every Agency Of State," He Commands

LANE IN QUIZ

Attorney General Is Given Blanket Authority

Governor Ritchie last night ordered "every agency the State can supply" to be used in a "vigorous prosecution" of the mobsmen who lynched Matthew Williams, negro murderer, in Salisbury Friday night.

Before leaving for Chicago late in the day the Governor directed Attorney General W. Preston Lane, an Army major during the World War, to give all possible aid in the investigation designed to round up the mob and gave him blanket authority to act during the Governor's absence.

BEGINS INVESTIGATION.

Last night Mr. Lane said that he had started his investigation, but declined to say whether or not he personally would go to the Eastern Shore immediately.

He said:

"I will carry out the Governor's orders explicitly."

The blanket orders given Mr. Lane are understood to mean that he can, if necessary, call upon the armed forces of the State, its police and legal machinery, in carrying out his instructions.

WANTS LEE TRIED.

At the same time the Governor called for a speedy trial of Yuel Lee, charged with murdering a family of four near Berlin, Md. He declared that if Lee is brought to trial in Cambridge, ample protection will be given him "whatever the opinion the county authorities now hold."

State's Attorney Levin C. Bailey, Wicomico county, stated late yesterday that so far he has been unable to learn the identity of any member of the mob. He said he is prepared to prosecute any whose identity is disclosed.

RITCHIE AROUSED.

In his statement, Governor Ritchie characterized the lynching of Williams, a few hours after he had shot and killed Daniel J. Elliott, sixty-seven, a wealthy lumberman, as something which "must bring a blush of shame to every law-abiding Marylander."

He added:

"Under the authority conferred on me by the Constitution, I have directed the Attorney General to co-operate with the State's Attorney of Wicomico county in the vigorous prosecution of the perpetrators of this crime."

APPEAL CONSIDERED.

The appeal of Bernard Ades, attorney for Lee, for a removal of the case from the Eastern Shore, and his request that a transcript of the record in the case be sent to the Court of Appeals, was considered yesterday by the three judges of the First Judicial District.

They were Judges Joseph E. Bailey, Robert Duer and Chief Judge John R. Pattison. At the conclusion of the discussion, which